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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to a telephone interview with the Examiner on August 3, 2005, the Examiner confirmed that particular references filed with the Information Disclosure Statement of September 9, 1997 were considered by the Examiner, despite being marked through, since the references included the Examiner's initials and were cited in the parent application(s) of the instant application. Specifically, these references include US 4,654,226; US 4,726,963; US 4,728,528; US 4,745,088; US 4,960,488; US 5,000,113; FR 2 397 067; and PCT 87/07309. A copy of the PTO-1449 sheets relating to these cited references is attached for the Examiner's convenience. In accordance with the Examiner's request, copies of the FR 2 397 067 and PCT 87/07309 are also attached.

As discussed, Applicants respectfully request a communication from the Examiner clarifying that the above noted cited references were considered by the Examiner in this case. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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